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REF: A) STATE 56224, B) ZAITSEV MAY 3 LETTER TO DUNNING,
C) STATE 156277

1. MOKEYEV AND GULYAYEV OF GAS MINISTRY INFORMED ROOT:

A) THEY DESIRED RECORD SIGNED BY U.S. OF FEB '76 U.S. GAS VISIT TO USSR IN FORM DESIRED BY U.S. IN ORDER TO PRESENT U.S. WISHES TO OTHER CONCERNED MINISTRIES. ROOT PRESENTED SUCH A RECORD, SIGNED BY HIM ON BEHALF OF DUNNING, BASED ON REFS A AND C AND IS HAND-CARRYING COPY TO WASHINGTON.

B) MINISTRY FOR OIL AND GAS CONSTRUCTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARCTIC CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION TOPIC. SOROKHIN IS KEY OFFICIAL IN THAT MINISTRY FOR DECISIONS ON COOPERATION WITH U.S. SOROKHIN JUST CAME OUT OF HOSPITAL. GAS MINISTRY WILL NOW REQUEST SOROKHIN TO CONCUR IN ARCTIC TOPIC FOR COOPERATION AND TO ORGANIZE EXCHANGE OF VISITS ON THIS TOPIC.

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C) SOVIET ORGANIZATION FOR DOMESTIC UTILITIES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION AND, AS OF LAST WEEK, AGREED TO RECEIVE U.S. DEL. LETTER FROM ZAITSEV TO DUNNING OFFERING 10-DAY VISIT TO USSR OF 6 U.S. SPECIALISTS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED JULY 5.

D) GAS MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL GAS-BURNING EQUIPMENT AND IS WILLING TO RECEIVE US DEL ON THIS TOPIC.

E) SOVIET INTEREST IN VISIT TO U.S. ON EFFICIENCY OF GAS UTILIZATION IS LIMITED TO DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL GAS-BURNING EQUIPMENT.

F) GAS MINISTRY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR GASIFICATION OF HYDROCARBONS. THEY HAVE FOUND NO ACTIVITY IN USSR ON GASIFICATION OF LIQUID HYDROCARBONS (BECAUSE USSR NOW HAS ENOUGH NATURAL GAS). ONE OR TWO ABOVE-GROUND PLANTS IN ESTONIA FOR GASIFICATION OF OIL SHALE, BELONGING TO ANOTHER MINISTRY, USE OLD OUTDATED EQUIPMENT. IF U.S. NEVERTHELESS WANTS TO EXPLORE GASIFICATION SUBJECT FURTHER, SIDE TRIP DURING U.S. VISIT ON CITY DISTRIBUTION AND BURNERS MIGHT BE ARRANGED.

G) SOVIETS CURIOUS AS TO EXPERIENCE OF TEXAS UTILITIES IN APPLYING IN TEXAS SOVIET UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGY. TU HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHT BUT THIS COULD BE SOLD. WEST GERMANY HAS INQUIRED ABOUT OBTAINING SOVIET LICENSE.

H) SOVIETS NOTICED NEWSPAPER ITEM TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO RE: CESSATION OF WORK ON GASIFICATION OF COAL IN OR NEAR ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION.

2. ROOT STRESSED THAT, TO PROCEED IN BALANCED FASHING:

A) ARCTIC TOPIC OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO U.S. SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ENHANCED RECOVERY TOPIC OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO USSR.

B) EXCHANGES OF VISITS SHOULD BE AGREED FOR BOTH TOPICS. WITH DELS FOR LATTER ALSO LOOKING INTO PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION IN CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION, DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL BURNERS, AND GASIFICATION OF LIQUID HYDROCARBONS AND OIL SHALE.
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C) U.S. SHOULD VISIT USSR FIRST ON ARCTIC TOPIC, PERHAPS IN OCTOBER, SINCE SOVIETS WISH TO VISIT U.S. FIRST ON OTHER TOPICS, PERHAPS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. SOVIETS PROVIDED ROOT WITH COPY OF DRAFT DESIRED PROGRAM AND ITINERARY FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT TO U.S. ON ENHANCED RECOVERY. SIMILAR DRAFT ON UTILIZATION NOT YET READY.

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